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Cover : *Songkhla Lake overlooked from the Institute for Southern Thai Studies*

Songkhla is a southern border province, adjacent to the State of Kedah (Sai Buri), Malaysia. It is an important port and coastal province of Thailand since the old days with Amphoe Hat Yai as the southern centre of commerce, transportation and rapid economic growth. The province is ideal for tourism because of its two distinct characteristics: the old buildings of Amphoe Mueang Songkhla, and the developed Amphoe Hat Yai, separated by only about 30 kilometres.

The old part of Songkhla is located at the presentday Amphoe Sathing Phra. Indians, Persians, and Arabs came to trade and called the place "Singhla". The name came from two islands with the shape of crouching lions at the mouth of Songkhla lagoon. The islands are presently called Ko Nu and Ko Maeo.

Songkhla occupies an area of 7,393 square kilometres, and is administratively divided into 16 districts: Amphoe Mueang Songkhla, Amphoe Ranot, Amphoe Krasae Sin, Amphoe Sathing Phra, Amphoe Singhanakhon, Amphoe Khuan Niang, Amphoe Rattaphum, Amphoe Bang Klam, Amphoe Hat Yai, Amphoe Na Mom, Amphoe Chana, Amphoe Thepha, Amphoe Na Thawi, Amphoe Saba Yoi, Amphoe Sadao, and Amphoe Khlong Hoi Khong.

HOW TO GET THERE

By Car - From Bangkok, take Highway 4 to Prachuap Khiri Khan, Chumphon, Surat Thani, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Trang-Phatthalung, and Songkhla, a total distance of 950 kilometres.

By Bus - There are daily buses from Bangkok to Songkhla and Hat Yai. The journey takes about 13 hours. Air-conditioned buses, varying in 3 types, depart from Bangkok's Southern Bus Terminal at the following times:

Bangkok-Hat Yai

VIP Bus - 4.30 p.m., 5.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Standard 1 Bus - 7 a.m., 4 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6.15 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 8.20 p.m.

Standard 2 Bus - 7 a.m. and 9.45 p.m.

Bangkok-Songkhla

Standard 1 Bus - 5 p.m., 6.45 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Standard 2 Bus - 8 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

The schedule may be changed. Please check a current schedule and further information from the Southern Bus Terminal at tel: 0 2435 1199-200. For Hat Yai, call the Transport Co., Ltd. (Bo Kho So) at tel: 0 7423 2789, 0 7423 2404, Piya Tour 0 7442 8972, Thai Doen Rot 0 7442 9525.

From Hat Yai Bus Terminal, there are buses to other provinces in the south. Pho Thong Transportation Co., Ltd. 0 7431 1126 provides buses from Songkhla to Hat Yai. Ranot Transportation Co., Ltd. 0 7431 1523 operates buses from Songkhla to Nakhon Si Thammarat.

By Rail - The State Railway of Thailand provides daily rapid and express train services from Bangkok to Hat Yai. The trains depart from Bangkok's Hualamphong Railway Station at 12.25 p.m., 2.20 p.m., 2.45 p.m., 3.50 p.m. and 10.50 p.m. Travelling time is about 17 hours. For further information call 1690, 0 2223 7020, 0 2223 7030 or Hat Yai Railway Station at 0 7424 3705, 0 7423 8005 or visit www.srt.motc.go.th.

By Air - Thai Airways International operates daily flights between Bangkok and Hat Yai. For more information, call 1566, 0 2280 0060, 0 2628 2000 (Bangkok Office) or 0 7424 5851-2 (Hat Yai Office) or visit www.thaiair.com.

Thai Term Glossary

Amphoe : District

Ao : Bay

Ban : Village

Hat : Beach

Khao : Mountain

Khlong : Canal

Ko : Island

Laem : Cape

Mueang : Town or City

Namtok : Waterfall

Tham : Cave

Tambon : Sub-district

Tham : Cave

Wat : Temple

Note: English spelling here given tries to approximate Thai pronunciation. Posted signs may be spelled differently. When seeking help from a Thai for directions, point to the Thai spellings given after each place name.

Distances from Amphoe Mueang Songkhla to Neighbouring Districts:

Ranot	73	km
Hat Yai	26	km
Krasae Sin	74	km
Na Mom	34	km
Sathing Phra	36	km
Chana	37	km
Singhanakhon	26	km
Thepha	73	km
Khuan Niang	72	km
Na Thawi	52	km
Rattaphum	60	km
Saba Yoi	104	km
Bang Klam	46	km
Sadao	70	km
Klong Hoi Khong	43	km

PLACES OF INTEREST

Amphoe Mueang

Songkhla's City Pillar (ศาลหลักเมืองสงขลา), on Nang Ngam Road, is a revered site to Songkhla's population. The Chinese architectural style building was constructed together with the city itself. Nearby dwellings, especially on Nakhon Nai and Nakhon Nok Roads also bear the same influence. The Chinese immigrants who came to settle there at the beginning of the 24th Buddhist Century had a major role in the establishment of Songkhla, hence, the distinctive Chinese lifestyle of the area.

Laem Sai Estuary Fortress (ป้อมปืนปากน้ำแหลมทราย) was constructed in the reign of King Rama III, at the time of the city's establishment. Today this fortress is behind the Songkhla Provincial Police Headquarters.

Wat Matchimawat or Wat Khlang (วัดมัจฉิมาวาสหรือวัดกลาง), on Sai Buri Road, is a large temple and the most important in Songkhla. It is about 400 years old. It was said that Yai Si Chan, a millionaire of Songkhla donated a large sum of money to construct the temple. Later on Wat Liap was built on the north, and Wat Pho on the south. The people then changed the name of the temple from "Wat Yai Si Chan" to "Wat Khlang" or "Wat Matchimawat". This temple also has the Phattharasin Museum that houses various artefacts gathered from

Songkhla, Sathing Phra, Ranot, and elsewhere.

Wat Chai Mongkhon (วัดชัยมงคล), on Phetmongkhon-Chaimongkhon Road, has a chedi that was built to house the Buddhist relics brought back from Langka by a monk named "Na Issaro" who was teaching Pali there in B.E. 2435.

The Songkhla National Museum (พิพิธภัณฑสถานแห่งชาติสงขลา), on Chana Road, was originally built in B.E. 2421 as Songkhla ruler's mansion in Chinese style. It became the domicile of Songkhla's upper administrative officers and finally the City Hall. It was converted into a museum in B.E. 2496 to exhibit lower southern artefacts. Today it is the source of local archaeology, history, and folk art and culture. It has a notable collection of the artefacts of the 'Na Songkhla Family' that used to rule the city. It is opened to the public, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., except Mondays, Tuesdays, and public holidays.

Phathammarong Museum (พิพิธภัณฑฯพระตำมรงค์), on Chana Road near the Songkhla National Museum. It was constructed in a Thai style to resemble the birthplace of H.E. Prem Tinsulanond, the former Prime Minister and Statesman who is a Songkhla native. The construction was based on his testimony when his father was the prison warden.

Ban Sattha (บ้านศรีธาตุ) is situated on a hill slope overlooking the Tinsulanond Bridge to Ko Yo. It is surrounded by coconut plantations. The city people had it built for H.E. Prem Tinsulanond, the Privy Councilor and Statesman, when he was the Prime Minister. Construction was completed on 26 August B.E. 2534. In B.E. 2539, H.E. Prem gave the house back to the people of Songkhla. There is a public library nearby.

Laem Samila (แหลมสมิหลา) is in the City Municipality, about 2.5 kilometres from the fresh market (Thalat Supsin or Thalat Sot Thetsaban). This peninsula is well-known for its white sandy beach, shady pine groves, and the statue of a mermaid that is Songkhla's symbol. It is serviced by Hat Yai-Songkhla buses. From within the city, one can take a minibus to the beach.

Ko Nu - Ko Maeo (เกาะหนู - เกาะแมว) is another well-known symbol of Songkhla, situated off the shore of Laem Samila. A legend says that a dog, a cat, and a mouse, on a Chinese sampan stole the merchant's magic crystal and tried to swim ashore but drowned and lost their lives. The mice and cats became the islands in the Songkhla Lake while the dog died on shore and became the hill called Hin Khao Tang

Kuan near the bay. The crystal was totally destroyed and became the white sandy beach called Hat Sai Kaeo.

Khao Noi (เขาน้อย), near Laem Samila, has a road to the hilltop for paying homage to the statue of Prince Lop Buri Ramet (The Southern Viceroy), and to view the city. On the east is a public park with food services and tennis courts. On the northeast is Suan Seri, another park with ornamental plants in animal shapes. Tamnak Khao Noi, on the south, was built in B.E. 2454 as the residence of Prince Lop Buri Ramet and was used by His Majesties the King and Queen on their visit to the south in March B.E. 2502. Today the mansion is the residence of the Songkhla Provincial Governor.

Khao Tang Kuan (เขาดังกววน) at Laem Samila has the Sala Vihan Daeng, the royal pavilion built during the reign of King Rama V. On the hilltop is a Dvaravati chedi housing the Buddha's relics that was built during the Nakhon Si Thammarat Empire. In October there is a festival to clad the chedi with a cloth, to pull the Buddha's image, and to offer alms to monks. A panoramic view of the city and the Songkhla Lake can be enjoyed on the hilltop.

Laem Son On (แหลมสนอ่อน) is situated to the northwest of Laem Samila. It is well shaded with sea pines. At the end of the peninsula stands the statue of Prince Chumphon Khet Udomsak. This peninsula is the best spot to view Ko Nu and the Songkhla Lake.

Khao Kao Seng (เขาเก้าเส้ง) is located about three kilometres to the south of Hat Samila. It can be reached via the road to The National Coastal Aquaculture Institute. It is one of the beautiful beaches of Songkhla, dotted with large boulders one of which is on a rock, the locals call it "Hua Nai Raeng". It was said that underneath this boulder there used to be treasures stored by the people as funds for the construction of the Nakhon Si Thammarat Chedi and had protecting spirits.

Songkhla Zoo (สวนสัตว์สงขลา) is an open zoo, on the Songkhla-Chana Highway, Tambon Khao Rup Chang. It was established for the preservation of Thai wildlife and to return them to the wild. The zoo covers a hilly area with an asphalt ring road. The various animals have been grouped separately, such as camels, birds, red gaur, tigers, crocodiles, and others. One of the highlights in the zoo not to be missed is the viewing point for the city where food stalls are available. For more information please call 0 7432 5037-8.

Songkhla Lake (ทะเลสาบสงขลา), the only natural lake in Thailand is about 80 kilometres long and 20 to 25 kilometres wide. It is a freshwater lake with brackish water near the mouth. There are several islands across from its mouth, the major ones include Ko Yai, Ko Si, Ko Ha, Ko Kaeo, Ko Mak, Ko Rai, and Ko Yo. Boats are available for touring the lake. The port behind the post office or the fresh market has all-day long-tailed boat services.

Tinsulanond Bridge (สะพานติณสูลานนท์) spans the Songkhla Lake and is part of Highway 408. It is the longest concrete bridge in Thailand, with two parts: the first part connects the coast of Amphoe Mueang Songkhla at Ban Nam Krachai to the southern coast of Ko Yo, this part is about 1,140 metres long; the second part connects the northern shore of Ko Yo to the coast of Ban Khao Khiao, a length of 1,800 metres. It was opened to traffic on 25 September B.E. 2529.

Ko Yo (เกาะยอ) is a small island in the Songkhla Lake but is the important tourist attraction of Songkhla. The island, covering an area of 9,275 rais (3,710 acres), can be reached via Tinsulanond Bridge. The coastal plain is suitable for agriculture, resulting in famous fruit-growing such as a special kind of jackfruit called Jampada. Another famous product is the hand-woven fabric.

The Institute for Southern Thai Studies (สถาบันทักษิณคดีศึกษา) is situated on Ko Yo, near the foot of the second part of the Tinsulanond Bridge. It was established in B.E. 2521 for the studies of southern art and culture. Its museum has comprehensive exhibits on local art and culture, and southern lives as well as artefacts echoing local wisdom accumulated through several generations. The systematic exhibits cover more than 30 rooms displaying history, religion, tradition, occupation, folk play, handicrafts, and various artefacts. Viewing points for the Songkhla Lake and aquaculture farms should not be missed. Admission fee is 50 baht. Call 0 7433 1185-8.

Amphoe Hat Yai

The word "hat yai" is said to have come from the name of the white sandy beach around Khlong U Taphao, or could have been the name of a large *mahat* tree (Mahat Yai).

The city of Hat Yai (ตัวเมืองหาดใหญ่), 28 kilometres from the city of Songkhla, is the gateway to the neighbouring countries of Malaysia and Singapore. It is only 60 kilometres from the port of entry at Sadao. Hat Yai has grown significantly into the commercial,

transportation, communication, educational, and tourism centre of the south. Tourists can obtain various goods from fresh produce to consumer products such as electrical appliances. Niphat Uthit 1, 2, or 3 Road is the major commercial centre. There are several shopping centres such as Lido Shopping Centre, Odeon Shopping Centre, Sanehanuson, Hat Yai Plaza Shopping Centre, and Si Kimyong Market on Phetkasem Road.

Hat Yai Municipal Park (สวนสาธารณะเทศบาลเมืองหาดใหญ่), on Kanchanawanit Road, is six kilometres from the city centre on the Hat Yai-Songkhla highway. It is the major recreation for the people of Hat Yai and surrounding areas as well. The park is full of beautiful flowering plants, with a pavilion in the middle of the pond, avarium, and food stalls. At the foot of the hill near the avarium stands the statue of King Rama V. There is a Brahman shrine at the hilltop. And at the southern foothill near the boy scout camp stands the jade statue of Guan-yin, the Chinese Goddess.

Wat Hat Yai Nai (วัดหาดใหญ่ใน) on Phetkasem Road, near Khlong U Taphao Bridge, is the site of a large reclining Buddha measuring 35 metres long, 15 metres tall, and 10 metres wide, named Phra Phuttha Hattha Mongkhon, believed to be the third largest reclining Buddha in the world - revered by both Thai and foreign tourists.

Ton Nga Chang Waterfall (น้ำตกโตนงาช้าง) is located in the Ton Nga Chang Wildlife Sanctuary. It is one of the beautiful waterfalls of the south, about 26 kilometres from the city. Follow the Hat Yai-Rattaphum road for 13 kilometres, then turn left at Ban Hu Rae for another 13 kilometres. This waterfall has seven levels, the third level is the most beautiful and is named after the waterfall. At the third level the stream separates into two, resembling the elephant's tusks. Treks have been provided for more adventurous tourists. One can hire the motorized tricycle (tuk-tuk) to the waterfall for two to three hours at 300-400 baht, or one can take the minibus from the fresh market (Talat Sot Thet Sa Ban Hat Yai).

Amphoe Bang Klam

Wat Khongkha Liap (วัดคงคาเคียบ), situated at Bank Nong Khuan, Mu 5, Tambon Tha Chang. It is the revered Mahanikai temple, often visited by both Thai and foreign tourists.

Amphoe Rattaphum

Boriphat Waterfall Forestry Park (วนอุทยานน้ำตกบรพิพัตร) is about 52 kilometres from Amphoe Mueang Songkhla, on Highway 406, at the 35-36 kilometre stone. Turn onto a dirt road for about one kilometre. It is a small all-season waterfall.

Amphoe Sadao

This border district is in the southern part of the province, adjacent to the State of Kedah in Malaysia, about 60 kilometres from Hat Yai. The major attraction in this district is **Wat Tham Khao Rup Chang** (วัดถ้ำเขารูปช้าง) in Tambon Padang Besar, about 13 kilometres from Padang Besar market. The temple uses the cave as religious ground. The cave has been partitioned into several rooms with delicate stalactites and stalagmites. The surroundings are peaceful and shaded by trees.

Amphoe Na Thawi

Khao Nam Khang National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติเขาน้ำค้าง) has lush forest cover. There are two waterfalls within this park: Ton Dat Fa and Ton Lat Fa. Tourists can take two routes to the park: from Amphoe Sadao for 26 kilometres or from Amphoe Na Thawi on the Na Thawi-Ban Prakop Road for 31 kilometres. Please call Amphoe Na Thawi Office for more information at 0 7437 1010.

Khao Nam Khang Historic Tunnel (อุโมงค์ประวัติศาสตร์เขาน้ำค้าง) is situated in Khao Nam Khang, Mu 1, Tambon Khlong Kwang, about four kilometres from the Park Office. This tunnel was once known as the Piyamit Village 5, run by the Communist insurgents. After almost 40 years of fighting with the Thai Government, the Communist Party terminated the fight and became part of Thai Development Participants in B.E. 2530. It is the largest and longest man-made tunnel in Thailand, completed in two years with three separate corridors and three levels deep. It could accommodate about 200 persons with several rooms such as conference room, sick bay, radio transmission room, kitchen, firing range, and others.

Amphoe Thepha

Sakom Beach (หาดสะกอม) is about 53 kilometres from Amphoe Mueang Songkhla, on the Songkhla-Chana-Thepha Highway. The beautiful beach is sandy white, suitable for recreation. There are food stalls and lodging. One can hire a fishing vessel to Ko Kham where

fish is plentiful and suitable for sport fishing. The island is about two kilometres offshore.

Amphoe Saba Yoi

Wat Tham Talot (วัดถ้ำลอด) at Ban Tham Talot, Mu 6, Tambon Khao Daeng, about 25 kilometres from the district office. Tham Talot (Talot Cave) in fact is a large tunnel cutting through the hill to the other side. It contains three large chambers with an ancient wooden image of the Buddha covered with plaster, assumed to be several hundred years old. The temple was established in B.E. 2219 and is most revered by the people. The temple contains about 100 images of the Buddha in different postures and sizes. At the tunnel entrance stands a six-metre tall demon figure. The surrounding area is shaded by trees and is a great recreational place.

Tham Ru Nok Sak (ถ้ำรูนกสัก) is situated at Mu 4, Tambon Khuha, about 14 kilometres from the Saba Yoi District Office. This 300 metre-long cave has a stream running through it with beautiful stalagmites and stalactites. Visiting the cave involves some hiking and climbing. The surroundings of the cave are lush and very beautiful.

Amphoe Singhanakhon

Chedi Phi Nong Yot Khao Daeng (เจดีย์พี่น้องยอดเขาแดง) consists of two stupas:

Chedi Ong Dam (The Black Chedi), is situated at the top Khao Daeng, Tambon Khao Daeng. It was built by Chao Phraya Phra Khlang (Dit Bunnak) and Somdet Chao Phraya Borom Maha Phrayurawong to commemorate the victory over the Sai Buri Revolt in B.E. 2373.

Chedi Ong Khao (The White Chedi) was built by Phraya Si Phiphat (That Bunnak) and Somdet Chao Phraya Maha Phichaiyat to commemorate the victory over Sai Buri, Pattani, Penang, and Malayan Revolts. After the victory, Phraya Si Phipat remained in Songkhla for two years and built this Chedi to accompany the first one, then returned to Bangkok.

Amphoe Sathing Phra

Khu Khut Waterfowl Park (Tha-le Sap Songkhla Wildlife Refuge) (อุทยานนกน้ำคูขุด-เขตห้ามล่าสัตว์ป่าทะเลสาบสงขลา), is situated at Mu 4, Tambon Khu Khut, about 55 kilometres from Songkhla, on Highway

4083 and three kilometres from the highway into the park. It was established as a wildlife refuge on 19 April B.E. 2519, covering an area of 227,916 Rais (91,166 acres) in both Songkhla and Phattalung provinces. In fact this waterfowl park is part of Tha-le Sap Songkhla or Songkhla Lake. The survey undertook by the Royal Forestry Department discovered 44 families, 137 genus, and 219 species of avian. The best times to view the birds are from December to March. Boats are provided by the park office at 150 baht an hour. For more information please call the Park Office at Tel: 0 7439 7042.

Wat Cha Thing Phra (วัดจะตี่งพระ) is located at Mu 4, Tambon Cha Thing Phra, about 200 metres from the District Office. It was established in B.E. 1542. This temple has several ancient ruins from the Srivijaya Period such as Chedi Phra Maha That, Wihan Phra Phutthasaiyat (reclining Buddha), and the bell tower.

Wat Pha Kho or Wat Ratchapraditsathan (วัดพะโคะหรือวัดราชประดิษฐฐาน) is located at Mu 6, Tambon Chumphon, on Khao Phathasing, about 48 kilometres from Songkhla, on the Songkhla-Sathing Phra Highway. This temple was the seat of Somdet Pha Kho or Luang Pho Thuat Yiap Nam Tha-le Chuet, the most revered monk in the south. It was said that one day, a pirate ship sailed along the coast and saw Somdet Pha Kho walking with a different characteristic. The pirates wanted to try out the monk so they docked and kidnapped him. But the ship did not sail very far before it stopped with no apparent reason and had to anchor there for several days until they ran out of freshwater. Somdet Pha Kho took pity on them so he put his left foot in the sea, making it sparkle and turn into freshwater. The pirates became faithful, asked for his pardon, and took him ashore. From then on the people started to pay homage to the monk.

Amphoe Krasae Sin

Wat Ek Choeng Sae (วัดเอกเชิงแส) is located in Tambon Choeng Sae. Its old name was Wat Ek. It has the revered coral Buddha image that had been covered with plaster. The image is 70 centimetres wide at the lap and 120 centimetres tall.

Laem Khwai Rap Wildlife Protection Unit (หน่วยพิทักษ์สัตว์ป่าแหลมควายราบ) is located at Tambon Ko Yai. The Office is at the Songkhla Lake and can be reached by boat from Khu Khut Waterfowl Park or by a road from Amphoe Krasae Sin. There are a large number of waterfowls around the Unit and can be seen without

having to travel by boat into the Lake, especially in the morning and evening when the birds are out searching for food.

Sacred Pond at Wat Laem Bo Tho (บ่อน้ำศักดิ์สิทธิ์วัดแหลมบ่อท่อ) is situated at Mu 4, Tambon Ko Yai, about seven kilometres from the District Office. It was said that a monk named Phra Sin Narai and a layman named Khun Wichai Phromsat built this pond on their way from India to Ayutthaya. This sacred pond has clean freshwater all year round.

SPORTS AND OTHER INTERESTING ACTIVITIES

Bull Fight (กีฬายิงโค) is the famous local favourite sport since the time of Phraya Mueang, in the Srivijaya Period. After the harvest, owners would bring their bulls to fight as a gesture of solidarity and festivity. Two bulls would fight each other in each round lasting between 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the bull's conditions. Today each district has its own bull fighting ring with monthly fights on either Saturday or Sunday. Fighting schedules are agreed upon by various district rings.

Khao Java Birds (นกเขาสาว) is the favourite domesticated bird in the south. The famous bird-culture area is Amphoe Chana, about 40 kilometres from Amphoe Hat Yai, on Highway 408. Bird singing contests are usually held annually from January to July. Singing birds are judged by their tone, voice, beat, loudness, and continuation. The winners are highly priced.

Shooting for sport (กีฬายิงปืน) in Songkhla can be carried out at two shooting ranges that are open to the public, as follows.

Ruchirawong Range (สนามยิงปืนรุจิรวงศ์) is located in Amphoe Hat Yai, across from the Hat Yai District Police Office, and is open daily. Please call for more information at 0 7424 3311.

Songkhla Royal Navy Range (สนามยิงปืนราชนาวีสงขลา) is located within the Songkhla Navy Base, on Chalatat Road (on the coast). For more information please call 0 7431 1451-5.

Thai Boxing (มวยไทย) in Songkhla is held either at the Songkhla Navy Base boxing ring at 0 7431 1451-5 on Wednesday nights, or at the Hat Yai boxing ring at 0 7423 2682.

Golf (กอล์ฟ) can be enjoyed at various courses, as follows.

Hat Yai Exclusive, with 18 holes, is located at Ban Wang Pha,

Tambon Thung Sao, Amphoe Rattaphum. Please call 0 7423 4921 or 0 7424 3179

Hat Yai Country Club, with 9 holes, is located at Ban Phru, Amphoe Hat Yai. Please call 0 7423 2582 or 0 7434 3121.

Kho Hong Golf Course, with 9 holes, is located at Senanarong Army Camp, Royal Thai Army Region 4. Please call 0 7421 1500-3, extension 549.

Thong Yai Golf Course, with 9 holes, is located at Samila Beach, Amphoe Mueang Songkhla. Please call 0 7432 3761.

Southern Hill Golf and Country Club, with 18 holes, is located at Tambon Thung Lung, Amphoe Hat Yai. Please call 0 7434 3560-3.

LOCAL GOODS

Shrimp and fish crackers are one of the local products of Songkhla. They are delicious and inexpensive. There are also nam budu, cashew nuts, and dried crystal shrimp that can be purchased from any stalls on Nakhon Nai Road in the city.

Nang Talung (shadow puppet) is the south's folk art that is shown to the general public in Nakhon Si Thammarat, Phatthalung, Trang, and Songkhla. A temporary platform is usually built for the performance. The puppets, cut from animal hide, are placed against the rear of a white screen in front of a bright light so the audience can see their shadows. The story is told by narrators. The puppets can be purchased from souvenir stores.

Ko Yo Hand-woven Fabric is another folk product of Songkhla, produced mainly from Ko Yo, Amphoe Mueang Songkhla. The sturdy hand-woven fabric has intricate designs such as Lai Rat Chawat, and Lai Luk Kao and can be purchased from stores on Nakhon Nai and Nang Ngam Roads.

FESTIVALS

Songkran Festival (ประเพณีสงกรานต์) is held on 13 April. In Hat Yai the festival is held around Niphat Uthit 1, 2, and 3 Roads, from morning till evening. Malaysians and Singaporeans often join in the festivities with their Thai hosts.

Thai Goods and Produce Promotion Fair (เทศกาลส่งเสริมสินค้าและผลไม้ไทย) is usually held in the middle of July when fruits are at

their peaks. The fair boasts large selection of the best agricultural products from all southern provinces both for display and for sale.

Tham Bun Duan Sip (งานเทศกาลทำบุญเดือนสิบ) is another southern tradition that is held on the full moon of the tenth lunar month. This festival grew from the belief that during the new moon phase in the tenth month, the souls of the deceased relatives and friends, especially those not yet reborn would be released to meet the living relatives. So the living would prepare foods to offer them to the monks in their names. In Sathing Phra this festivity is different than in other districts whereby tall gold figures are paraded as the "proxy" for the deceased who were respected by the villagers.

Lak Phra and Tak Bat Thewo (giving alms) (งานประเพณีลากพระ และตักบาตรเทโว) is held on the new moon in the eleventh lunar month, around October of every year in Amphoe Mueang Songkhla. The festivity would start one day before the actual day to wrap a large cloth around the top of the Chedi on Khao Tang Kuan. In the morning of the festival day, alms are offered to monks (tak bat thewo) at the foot of the hill. Several hundred monks would walk down from Khao Tang Kuan to receive the offerings. Late in the morning monks travelling by boat from other temples in Songkhla would proceed along the waterfront so the Buddhist can offer alms and pull their boats along. Such acts are considered highly merited. The monks' boats would congregate at the lotus pond to participate in the boat decoration contest. On the festival ground there are also art and culture performances.

FACILITIES IN SONGKHLA ACCOMMODATION

(The room rates mentioned in this brochure may be changed without notice. Please ask for current information from each hotel before making reservation.)

Amphoe Mueang Songkhla

Abritus Guesthouse (อาบริตัสเกสท์เฮ้าส์) 28/16 Ramwithi Road (Tel: 0 7432 6047 E-mail: abritus_th@yahoo.com), 4 rooms: 200 baht (fan only)

Amsterdam Guesthouse (อัมสเตอร์ดัมเกสท์เฮ้าส์) 15/3 Rong Mueang Road (Tel: 0 7431 4890), 7 rooms: 180-200 baht

Ao Sai Resort (อ่าวทรายรีสอร์ท) Tambon Ko Yo (Tel: 0 7445

0131), 5 rooms: 200-400 baht

B.P. Samila Beach Hotel and Resort (บีพีสมิหลาบีช) 8 Ratchadamnoen Road (Tel: 0 7444 0222 Fax: 074440442), 208 rooms: 1,150-16,000 baht

Charn Hotel (ชาญ) 469 Sai Buri Road (Tel: 0 7431 1903, 0 7431 2248), 24 rooms: 200-300 baht

City Hotel (ซิตี) 533/1 Sai Buri Road (Tel: 0 7432 2364-5), 67 rooms: 290-490 baht

Green World Palace (กรีนเวิลด์พาลาส) 99 Samakkhisuk 2 Road (Tel: 0 7443 7900-8 Fax: 0 7443 7899), 92 rooms: 590-2,800 baht

Ko Yo Resort (เกาะยอรีสอร์ท) 30 Tambon Ko Yo (Tel: 0 7445 0301, 0 7445 0398), 12 rooms: 400 baht

Lake Inn (เลคอินน์) 301-3 Nakhonnok Road (Tel: 0 7432 1441-2, 0 7432 5050 Fax: 0 7443 7275 E-mail: lakeinn@hotmail.com), 79 rooms: 390-590 baht

Narai Hotel (นารายณ์) 14 Chai Khao Road Tambon Bo Yang (Tel & Fax: 0 7431 1078), 13 rooms: 100-150 baht

Orchid Hotel (ออร์คิด) 99/44 Mu 2 Kanchanawanit Road (Tel: 0 7432 2811-2, 0 7432 2821-3 Fax: 0 7432 2822), 55 rooms: 160-300 baht

Pavilion Songkhla Hotel (พาวิลเลียนสงขลา) 17/1 Platha Road (Tel: 0 7431 1355, 0 7444 1850-9 Fax: 0 7432 3716), 179 rooms: 750-6,000 baht

Por Thong Resort (ป.ทองรีสอร์ท) Tambon Ko Yo, 5 rooms: 200-400 baht

Queen Hotel (ควีน) 20 Sai Buri Road (Tel: 0 7431 1138, 0 7431 3072 Fax: 0 7431 3252), 22 rooms: 300-500 baht

Royal Crown Hotel (รอยัลคราวน์) 38 Sai Ngam Road (Tel: 0 7431 2174, 0 7431 1918, 0 7431 2025-9 Fax: 0 7432 1027), 52 rooms: 400-870 baht

S.P. Hotel (เอสพี) 3/9 Soi 2, Sai Buri Road (Tel: 0 7431 3414), 9 rooms: 170-200 baht

Songkhla Hotel (สงขลาโฮเต็ล) 68-70 Wichianchom Road (Tel: 0 7431 3505), 17 rooms: 140-280 baht

Songkhla Palace (สงขลาพาลาส) 160 Kanchanawanit Road (Tel: 0 7444 3013, 0 7444 3025 Fax: 0 7444 2030), 40 rooms: 450-500 baht

Suksomboon 1 (สุขสมบูรณ์ 1) 40 Phetkhiri Road (Tel: 0 7431 1049, 0 7444 0821-2), 28 rooms: 180-300 baht

Suksomboon 2 (สุขสมบูรณ์ 2) 18 Sai Buri Road (Tel: 0 7431

1149, 0 7432 3808-9 Fax: 0 7432 1406), 53 rooms: 150-500 baht

Top Club (ท็อปคลับ) 425/5 Kanchanawarit Road (Tel: 0 7444 7431-3), 48 rooms: 160-300 baht

Viva Hotel (วีวา) 547/2 Nakhonnok Road (Tel: 0 7432 1033-6 Fax: 0 7443 7403), 80 rooms: 500-1,400 baht

Yuma Guesthouse (ยูมาเกสท์เฮ้าส์) Rong Mueang Road, 250 baht

Amphoe Hat Yai

Aan Aan Hotel (อานอาน) 96 Niphat Uthit 1 Road (Tel: 0 7424 3471, 0 7424 3229), 10 rooms: 100 baht

Amaraporn Guesthouse (อมราพรเกสท์เฮ้าส์) 98-100 Niphat Uthit 3 Road (Tel: 0 7423 1487 Fax: 0 7424 3363), 18 rooms: 250-400 baht

Amarin Hotel (อัมรินทร์) 285 Niphat Uthit 1 Road (Tel: 0 7424 4012, 0 7424 4272, 0 7423 2144 Fax: 0 7423 1025), 140 rooms: 180-340 baht

Ambassador Hotel (แอมบาสซาเดอร์) 23 Phadungphakdi Road (Tel: 0 7423 4441-7 Fax: 0 7423 4410), 170 rooms: 480 baht

Amnuaysook Hotel (อำนวยสุข) 151 Saengsi Road (Tel: 0 7423 1847, 0 7423 7350 Fax: 0 742 3 1847), 45 rooms: 160-250 baht

Asian Hotel (เอเชีย) 55-59 Niphat Uthit 3 Road (Tel: 0 7435 3400-14 Fax: 0 7423 4890), 184 rooms: 680-850 baht

B.P. Grand Suite Hotel (บีพีแกรนด์สวีท) 75/1 Sanehanuson Road (Tel: 0 7435 4520-7, 0 7435 5155 Fax: 0 7435 4528), 72 rooms: 1,400-1,600 baht

B.P. Grand Tower Hotel (บีพีแกรนด์ทาวเวอร์) 74 Sanehanuson Road (Tel: 0 7435 5655-62, 0 7435 5355 Fax: 0 7423 9767), 247 rooms: 960-8,000 baht

Ban Ton Mai Resort (บ้านตันไม้รีสอร์ท) 20/4 Mu 3 Lopburiramet Road (Tel: 0 7442 7190), 14 rooms: 350-500 baht

Bang Hak Resort (บางหักรีสอร์ท) 636 Sakon Mongkhon 2 Road (Tel: 0 7436 3711), 10 rooms: 550 baht

Cathay Guesthouse (คาเธ่ย์เกสท์เฮ้าส์) 93/1 Niphat Uthit 2 Road (Tel: 0 7424 3815, 0 7423 5044 Fax: 0 7435 4104), 28 rooms: 90-250 baht

Central Sukhontha (เซ็นทรัลสุคนธา) 1 Sanehanuson Road (Tel: 0 7435 2222-36 Fax: 0 7435 2223), 237 rooms: 3,296-7,415 baht

Century Hotel (เซ็นจูรี่) 9 Soi 6, Rat Uthit Road (Tel & Fax: 0 7442 4100 E-mail: century@loxinfo.co.th), 18 rooms: 350-420 baht

Choke Amnuay Hotel (โชคอำนวย) 161/26-27 Soi 8 Saengsi Road (Tel: 0 7424 6376, 0 7423 8108), 45 rooms: 150-200 baht

Cholatarn Hotel (ชลธาร) 251/1 Saengchan Road (Tel: 0 7435 4580-6 Fax: 0 7435 4587), 61 rooms: 490-690 baht

City Park Hotel (ซิตีปาร์ค) 717/17 Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7434 5491-5 Fax: 0 7434 5496), 60 rooms: 590-1,400 baht

Daiichi Hotel (ไดอิชิ) 29 Chaiyakun Uthit 4 Road (Tel: 0 7423 0730, 0 7423 0762 Fax: 0 7423 1315), 176 rooms: 500-1,500 baht

Daimond Plaza Hotel (ไดมอนพลาซ่า) 62 Niphat Uthit 3 Road (Tel: 0 7423 0130-41, 0 7435 3140-9 Fax: 0 7423 9824), 267 rooms: 900-2,800 baht

Dusit Hotel (ดุสิต) 25/3 Pracharom Road (Tel: 0 7423 2141, 0 7424 5091 Fax: 0 7423 6497), 47 rooms: 140-200 baht

Emperor Hotel (เอมเพอเรอร์) 1 Tanrattanakon Road (Tel: 0 7423 5457-60, 0 7422 0215-18, 0 7423 5774 Fax: 074234165), 100 rooms: 490-850 baht

Florida Hotel (ฟลอริดา) 8 Siphuwanat Road (Tel: 0 7423 4555-9 Fax: 0 7423 4553), 119 rooms: 595-2,403 baht

Genting Hotel (เกนติ้ง) 263 Sam Chai Road (Tel: 0 7423 9651-4, 0 7434 3216-9 Fax: 0 7423 9655), 72 rooms: 250-520 baht

Grand Hotel (แกรนด์) 257-261 Thammanunwithi Road (Tel: 0 7423 3669, 0 7424 3286), 21 rooms: 80-350 baht

Grand Plaza (แกรนด์พลาซ่า) 257-261 Thammanunwithi Road (Tel: 0 7423 4340-7, 0 7423 0045-9 Fax: 0 7423 0050), 216 rooms: 660-1,300 baht

Hat Yai Central Hotel (หาดใหญ่เซ็นทรัล) 180-181 Niphat Uthit 3 Road (Tel: 0 7423 0000-11 Fax: 0 7423 0990), 250 rooms: 685 baht

Hat Yai Garden Home Hotel (หาดใหญ่การ์เดนโฮม) 51/2 Hoi Muk Road (Tel: 0 7423 9736, 0 7435 6735-7 Fax: 074234444), 103 rooms: 485-1,300 baht

Hat Yai Green View (หาดใหญ่กรีนวิว) 85/4 Saengsi Road (Tel: 0 7424 4207, 0 7424 4314, 0 7435 1041-3 Fax: 0 7423 3223), 154 rooms: 300-500 baht

Hat Yai Meridian Hotel (หาดใหญ่เมอริเดียน) 41/26 Soi 2, Talat Mai (Tel: 0 7435 4732-8 Fax: 0 7435 4727), 80 rooms: 600-700 baht

Hat Yai Palace Hotel (หาดใหญ่พาลาส) 10/7 Chaiyakun Uthit Road (Tel: 0 7435 7576-83 Fax: 0 7423 5750), 102 rooms: 500-750 baht

Hat Yai Rama (หาดใหญ่อราม) 9/5 Siphuwanat Road (Tel: 0 7423 022-4, 0 7435 4684-98 Fax: 0 7423 4560-1), 152 rooms: 580-1,450 baht

Hat Yai International (หาดใหญ่อินเตอร์เนชั่นแนล) 42-44 Niphat Uthit 3 Road (Tel: 0 7424 4744, 0 7423 1022, 0 7435 1500-3 Fax: 0 7423 2539), 210 rooms: 400-1,400 baht

Hun Num Tai (ฮุนนัมไต) 5-7 Duangchan Road (Tel: 0 7424 3165), 16 rooms: 80-120 baht

Indra (อินทรา) 94 Thammanunwithi Road (Tel: 0 7424 5886, 0 7423 2488 Fax: 0 7423 8110), 117 rooms: 400-800 baht

J.B. Hat Yai (เจบีหาดใหญ่) 99 Chuti Anuson Road (Tel: 0 7423 4300-18 Fax: 0 7423 4328 E-mail: jbhotel@hadyai.loxinfo.co.th), 432 rooms: 1,900-11,000 baht

Kosit (โกสิต) 199 Niphat Uthit 2 Road (Tel: 0 7423 4364-9, 0 7424 4711 Fax: 0 7423 2365), 170 rooms: 690-1,300 baht

L.K. Sheraton (แอลเคเชรอตตัน) 150 Saengchan Road (Tel: 0 7423 0120-9 Fax: 0 7423 5681), 180 rooms: 400-2,500 baht

Ladda Guesthouse (ลัดดาเกสต์เฮ้าส์) 13-15 Thammanunwithi Road (Tel: 0 7422 0233), 24 rooms: 200-320 baht

Laemthong (แหลมทอง) 46 Thammanunwithi Road (Tel: 0 7435 2301-4, 0 7424 5235 Fax: 0 7423 7574), 133 rooms: 200-400 baht

Lanna Inn (ลานนาอินน์) 16 Soi Sunthon & Co., Rat Uthit Road (Tel: 0 7425 3312, 0 7442 4993 Fax: 0 7425 3398), 72 rooms: 335-355 baht

Lee Garden (ลีการ์เด้น) 1 Lee Phatthana Road (Tel: 0 7423 4420-9 Fax: 0 7423 1888), 191 rooms: 600-2,600 baht

Lee Garden Plaza (ลีการ์เด้นพลาซ่า) 29 Prachathipat Road (Tel: 0 7426 1111-26 Fax: 0 7435 3555 www.leeplaza.com), 405 rooms: 1,149-11,290 baht

Lido (ลิโด) 11 Montri Road (Tel: 0 7424 4974-5), 37 rooms: 180-240 baht

Louise Guesthouse (หลุยส์เกสต์เฮ้าส์) 21-23 Thammanunwithi (Tel: 0 7422 0966), 22 rooms: 250-500 baht

Mae Nam (แม่น้ำ-หวังเหอ) 43/42-43 Tanrattanakon Road (Tel: 0 7423 4800-3, 0 7424 5277 Fax: 0 7424 5974), 38 rooms: 490-800 baht

Mandarin (แมนดาริน) 62-64 Niphat Uthit 1 Road (Tel: 0 7423 4438), 32 rooms: 160-200 baht

Marcopolo (มาร์โคโปโล) 22-24 Siphuanat Road (Tel: 0 7423 3076), 27 rooms: 120 baht

Marina (มารีน่า) 107 Rat Uthit Road (Tel: 0 7425 3070-1 Fax: 0 7425 3072), 69 rooms: 180-280 baht

Merlin Hat Yai (เมอร์ลินหาดใหญ่) 2 Chaiyakun Uthit Road (Tel: 0 7423 0030-8 Fax: 0 7423 0036), 104 rooms: 450-999 baht

Metro (เมโทร) 86 Niphat Uthit 2 Road (Tel: 0 7423 0088-91 Fax: 0 7423 7836), 113 rooms: 200-480 baht

Montien Hotel (มณฑิเยร์) 120-124 Niphat Uthit 1 Road (Tel: 0 7423 4386-9, 0 7423 0039-42 Fax: 0 7423 0043), 160 rooms: 540-620 baht

Mueang Thong 2 (เมืองทอง 2) 16/1 Phadungphakdi Road (Tel: 0 7424 6407, 0 7423 3179), 26 rooms: 150-270 baht

My House (มายเฮ้าส์) 600 Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7423 5700-7 Fax: 0 7423 5708), 104 rooms: 559-617 baht

New World (นิวเวิลด์) 152-156 Niphat Uthit 2 Road (Tel: 0 7423 0100-4, 0 7435 4787-90 Fax: 0 7423 0105), 148 rooms: 450-1,280 baht

O.H. (โอเอช) 135 Niphat Uthit 3 Road (Tel: 0 7423 0142-4 Fax: 0 7435 4824), 126 rooms: 450-1,280 baht

P.K. (พีเค) 348 Rattakan Road (Tel: 0 7423 6517-8), 50 rooms: 180-450 baht

Pacific (แปซิฟิก) 149/1 Niphat Uthit 2 Road (Tel: 0 7424 4062, 0 7424 5202), 35 rooms: 200-400 baht

Paking (ปักกิ่ง) 39-43 Chueamrat Uthit Road (Tel: 0 7424 5206, 0 7424 6443), 29 rooms: 170-250 baht

Palm Inn (ปาล์มอินน์) 882 Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7423 3198, 0 7423 4690), 51 rooms: 410 baht

Park (ปาร์ค) 81 Niphat Uthit 2 Road (Tel: 0 7423 3351, 0 7423 2316 Fax: 0 7423 2259), 34 rooms: 390-450 baht

Piman (พิมาน) 89 Rat Yindi Road (Tel: 0 7423 0145-7, 0 7424 5710 Fax: 0 7423 4700), 116 rooms: 190-290 baht

Pink (พิงค์) 24/12 Sanehanuson Road (Tel: 0 7423 0960-4, 0 7435 3348-50 Fax: 0 7423 5218), 72 rooms: 500-620 baht

President (เพรสซิเดนซ์) 420 Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7434 9500-5 Fax: 0 7423 0609), 110 rooms: 550-600 baht

Racha (ราชา) 42-44 Niphat Uthit 1 Road (Tel: 0 7423 0951-5), 65 rooms: 460-480 baht

Rado (ราโด) 59 Sanehanuson (Tel: 0 7423 9202, 0 7423 9224 Fax: 0 7423 9269), 82 rooms: 360-460 baht

Regency (รีเจนซี) 23 Prachathipat Road (Tel: 0 7423 4400-9, 0 7435 3333-47 Fax: 0 7423 4102 www.regencyhatyai.com), 436 rooms: 798-5,400 baht

River Inn (ริเวอร์อินน์) 65 Chonthara Road (Tel: 0 7423 1101-3, 0 7424 4750-1 Fax: 0 7423 5601), 100 rooms: 480 baht

Royal (รอยัล) 106 Prachathipat Road (Tel: 0 7435 1451-5 Fax: 0 7424 3246), 120 rooms: 450-1,200 baht

S.C. Heritage (เอสซีเฮอร์ริเทจ) 36/43 Soi 5, Saengsi Road (Tel:

0 3423 3088, 0 7423 1795), 56 rooms: 395-455 baht

S.K. (เอสเค) 13 Soi 1 Channiwet 1 Road (Tel: 0 7442 0558-65 Fax: 0 7442 0530), 75 rooms: 400 baht

Sakol (สากล) 47-48 Sanehanuson Road (Tel: 0 7435 5500-3 Fax: 0 7423 5161), 107 rooms: 520 baht

Sakura Grand View (ซากุระแกรนด์วิว) 186 Niphat Uthit 3 Road (Tel: 0 7435 5700-15 Fax: 0 7435 5722), 230 rooms: 980-2,940 baht

Sakura (ซากุระ) 185/1 Niphat Uthit 3 Road (Tel: 0 7423 5111-3 Fax: 0 7423 5936), 60 rooms: 494-695 baht

Siam City (สยามซิตี) 25-35 Niphat Uthit 2 Road (Tel: 0 7435 3111-29 Fax: 0 7423 1060), 143 rooms: 855-3,500 baht

Silom Palace (สีลมพาเลซ) 33 Rat Uthit Soi 6 Road (Tel: 0 7442 5301-4 Fax: 0 7442 5301-4), 72 rooms: 450-550 baht

Singapore (สิงคโปร์) 66 Suppasanrangsan Road (Tel: 0 7423 7478, 0 7424 4535), 34 rooms: 250-400 baht

Sornsil Guesthouse (สรสิลปเกสท์เฮ้าส์) 251/7-8 Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7423 2635), 15 rooms: 180-350 baht

Star Guesthouse (สตาร์เกสท์เฮ้าส์) 192/1 Niphat Uthit 2 Road (Tel: 0 7424 3106), 45 rooms: 150 baht

Tanaphat Hat Yai (ธนภัทรสาตใหญ่) 222 Supphasanrangsan Road (Tel: 0 7435 1590-2 Fax: 0 7435 1593), 65 rooms: 550 baht

Thai Hotel (ไทยโฮเต็ล) 9 Soi Sunthon, Rat Uthit Road (Tel: 0 7425 3081-2), 75 rooms: 150-700 baht

V.L. (วีแอล) 1-3-5-7 Niphat Uthit 1 Road (Tel: 0 7435 2201-3, 0 7422 3660-3 Fax: 0 7435 2210 E-mail: info@vlhatyaihotel.com), 104 rooms: 849-1,249 baht

Yee Fah Grand City (ยีฟ่าแกรนด์ซิตี) 220 Prachathipat Road (Tel: 0 7423 4438-41 Fax: 0 7423 4437), 81 rooms: 350-750 baht

Yong Dee (ยงดี) 99 Niphat Uthit 3 Road (Tel: 0 7423 4350-7, 0 7435 1696-9 Fax: 0 7423 7436), 107 rooms: 500-580 baht

Amphoe Sathing Phra

Sathing Pura Resort (สathingปุระรีสอร์ท) 41/2 Mu 2 Tambon Bo Dan (Tel: 0 7445 8338-40), 12 rooms: 280-550 baht

Amphoe Singhanakhon

Haad Kaew Resort (หาดแก้วรีสอร์ท) 163/1 Km. 5 (Tel: 0 7433 1058-66 Fax: 0 7433 1200), 143 rooms: 899-1,771 baht

Khao Khiew Hotel (เขาเขียว) 239/11 Tha Phae-Ko Yo Road (Tel: 0 7433 1670, 0 7433 1669), 26 rooms: 190-350 baht

Amphoe Chana

Watcharakon Guesthouse (วัชรการเกสท์เฮ้าส์) Chana-Pattani Road (Tel: 0 7437 8376, 0 1969 1009), 9 rooms: 180-400 baht

Amphoe Thepha

Chao Thong Resort (ชาวทองรีสอร์ท) 260 Mu 7 Chana-Pattani Road (Tel: 0 7432 5292, 0 1959 6454), 12 rooms: 500 baht

Leela Resort (ลีลา รีสอร์ท) 311 Mu 1 Tambon Sakom (Tel: 0 7432 9116-7, 0 7424 5778 Fax: 0 7423 1740), 50 rooms: 400-1,800 baht

Sakom Bay Resort (สะกอมเบย์รีสอร์ท) 291 Chana-Pattani Road (Tel: 0 1277 1202), 7 rooms: 300 baht

Sakom Cabana (สะกอมคาบาน่า) 136 Chana-Pattani Road (Tel: 0 1213 0560), 14 rooms: 800-1,000 baht

Thepa Beach Resort & Country Club (เทพาบีชรีสอร์ทแอนด์คันทรีคลับ) 255 Mu 4 Hat Yai-Pattani Road, Tambon Pak Bang (Tel: 0 1230 4094, 0 1230 8078), 25 rooms: 400-3,000 baht

Thepa Guesthouse (เทพาเกสท์เฮ้าส์) 254/2 Mu 7 Tambon Thepha (Tel: 0 1275 2551), 5 rooms: 90-200 baht

Amphoe Sadao

Berlin Guesthouse (เบอร์ลินเกสท์เฮ้าส์) 24/5 Sukhaphiban 1 Road, Padang Besar (Tel: 0 7452 1901, 0 7452 1902 Fax: 0 74521 903), 30 rooms: 350-400 baht

Chai Daen (ชัยแดน) 142 Phetkan Road, Padang Besar (Tel: 0 7452 1013, 0 7452 1392), 36 rooms: 180 baht

Hollywood Palace (ฮอลลีวูดพาเลซ) 7/2-6 Soi 7 Thai-Changlon, Tambon Samnakham (Tel: 0 7443 4298-300), 50 rooms: 550 baht

I.P.D. (ไอพีดี) 99 Soi 8 Thai-Changlon, Tambon Samnakkham (Tel: 0 7430 1585-8, 0 7430 1589), 84 rooms: 650-800 baht

J.J. (เจเจ) 42/2 Mu 2 Sukhaphiban Road, Padang Besar (Tel: 0 7452 1660, 0 7452 1495), 54 rooms: 120-350 baht

Light House (ไลท์เฮ้าส์) 118 Phetkan Road, Padang Besar (Tel: 0 7452 1368, 0 7452 1017, 0 7452 1233 Fax: 074521367), 83 rooms: 220-350 baht

M.K. Guesthouse (เอ็มเคเกสท์เฮ้าส์) 271/4 Anamai Road, Tambon Padang Besar (Tel: 0 7452 1797, 0 7452 1060), 48 rooms: 200-300 baht

Marina Inn (มาริน่าอินน์) 10 Soi 6 Thai-Changlon, Tambon Samnakkham, 26 rooms: 400 baht

P.J.House (พีเจเฮ้าส์) 38 Soi 3 Thai-Changlon, Tambon Samnakkham (Tel: 0 7430 1087-9), 32 rooms: 600-900 baht

P.P. Hotel (พีพี) 69 Mu 7 Kanchanawanit Road, Tambon Samnakkham (Tel: 0 7443 4082-5 Fax: 0 7430 1416), 57 rooms: 500-600 baht

Padang Central (ปาดังเซ็นทรัล) 999 Mu 2, Sirimongkhon Road, Padang Besar (Tel: 0 7452 1613, 0 7444 4345-7 Fax: 074521619), 78 rooms: 428-535 baht

Risa Mansion (ริซ่าแมนชั่น) 78 Soi 8 Thai-Changlon, Tambon Samnakkham (Tel: 0 7430 1100), 14 rooms: 150-300 baht

Royal Inn (รอยัลอินน์) 24/6-7 Sukhaphiban 1 Road, Padang Besar (Tel: 0 7452 1430, 0 7452 1721), 36 rooms: 360 baht

Sadao Plaza (สะเดาพลาซ่า) 14/3 Ruamsuk Road (Tel: 0 7441 2373, 0 7441 1396), 25 rooms: 300-500 baht

Satit (สาธิต) 24/9 Sukhaphiban Road, Tambon Padang Besar (Tel: 0 7452 1981-4), 60 rooms: 350-400 baht

Satit (สาธิต) 1/1-6 Soi 6 Thai-Changlon, Tambon Samnakkham (Tel: 0 7443 4164-7), 70 rooms: 300-350 baht

Siam Orchid (สยามออร์คิด) 208-217 Mu 1, Padang Besar (Tel: 0 7452 1478-9, 0 7452 1961-3 Fax: 0 7452 1964), 50 rooms: 290-380 baht

T.M.T. (ทีเอ็มที) 55 Kanchanawanit Road (Tel: 0 7443 4150-1), 26 rooms: 350-400 baht

Thai-Malaysia Hotel (ไทย-มาเลเซีย) 10 Mu 2 Sirimonkhon Road, Padang Besar (Tel: 0 7452 1021), 40 rooms: 170-250 baht

U.T. Hotel (ยูที) 8-10 Soi 7 Thai-Changlon Road (Tel: 0 7441 2563, 0 7443 4215), 30 rooms: 300-400 baht

Villa Inn (วิลล่าอินน์) 90-92 Soi 2 Thai-Changlon, Tambon Samnakkham (Tel: 0 7430 1596-7), 32 rooms: 550-600 baht

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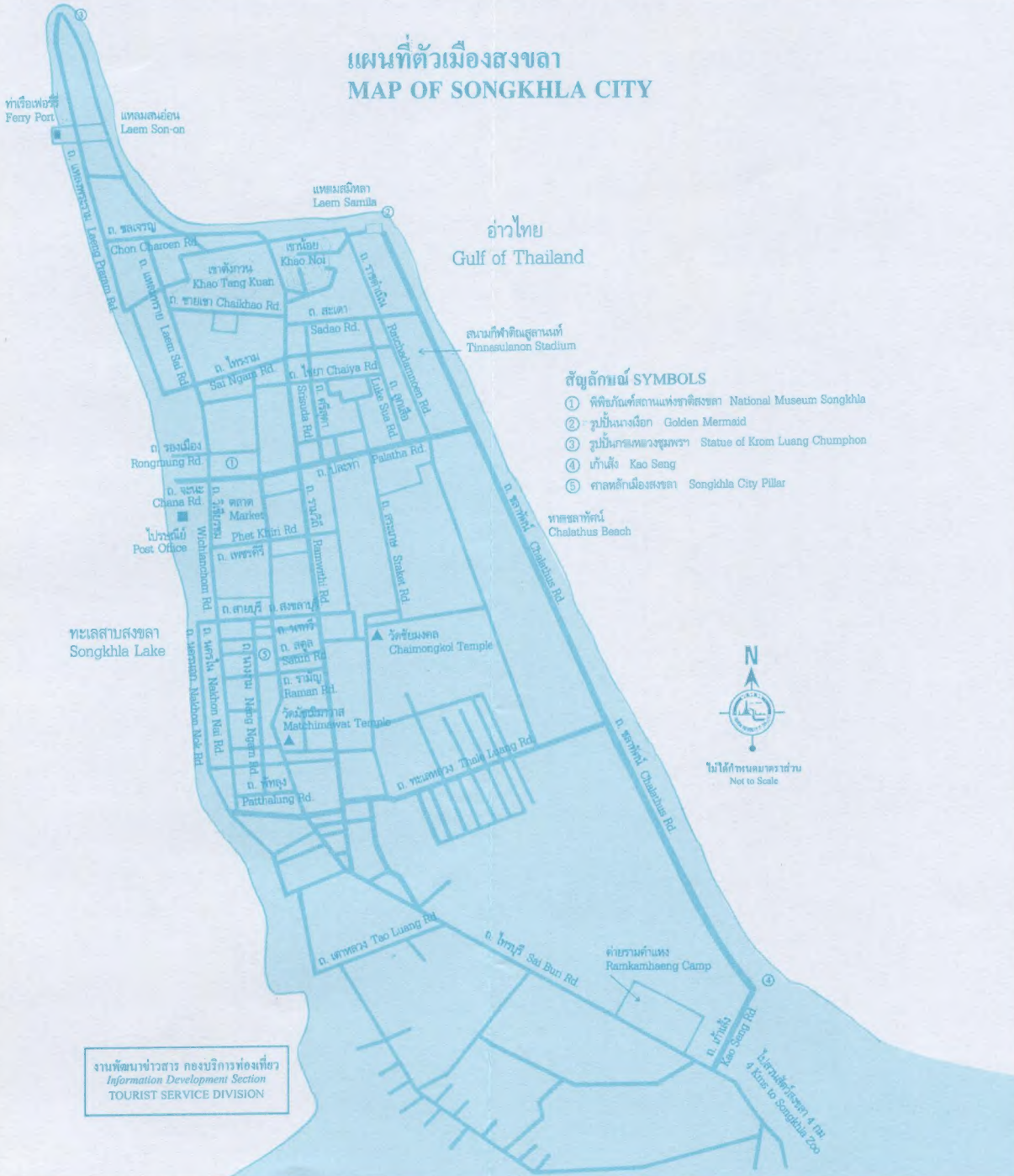
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